

--CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is a national stage entry under 35 U.S.C. § 371 from International Application No. PCT/EP01/00644, filed January 22, 2001, in the European Patent Office; additionally, Applicants claim the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) - (d) based on patent application No. 00830058.4, filed January 28, 2000, in the European Patent Office; further, Applicants claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on prior-filed, copending provisional application No. 60/190,526, filed March 20, 2000, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; the contents of all of which are relied upon and incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention--

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Page 1, line 10, add section subheading --Description of the Related Art-- prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "The manufacturing of tyres for vehicle wheels"

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Page 5, line 5, add section heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION-- prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "In accordance with the present invention"

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Page 7, line 8, add section heading --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS-- prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "Further features and advantages"

Page 8, line 3, add section heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE

PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "With reference to the aforementioned figures"

Add a new Page 24 after the claims, adding the following ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE. A new, separate Page 24 including the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE is enclosed.

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A carcass structure for vehicle wheel tyres includes at least one carcass ply and a pair of annular reinforcing structures. The at least one carcass ply includes a first and a second series of strip segments consecutively arranged along a circumferential development of a toroidal support and including at least two filiform elements, positioned longitudinally and parallel to each other, at least partially coated by at least one layer of raw elastomer material. The annular reinforcing structures include at least one primary portion and at least one additional portion. The at least one primary portion includes a first circumferentially-inextensible annular insert, a filling body, and at least one second circumferentially-inextensible annular insert. The at least one additional portion comprises at least one third circumferentially-inextensible annular insert. The annular inserts are each formed by at least one elongated element extending in concentric turns.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 2-8, and add new claims 9-16, as follows: